

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

February 29, 2016

Selectmen Present: Chair Brad Howell, and Scott Carbee, Abigail Arnold

Staff Present: Fred Douglas, Police Chief

Also present: John Arnold, Jan Hicks, Ben and Robin Haubrich, Judi Miller, Polly Freese, John Thalhauser, Stewart Brock, Sarah and Charlie Pyle, Bruce Harrington, Tom Anderson, BJ Carbee, Benji (Monadnock Ledger), Betty Behrsing, Susan Cripps, James Gann, Guy Tolman, Dennis Orsi and others

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Howell called the meeting to order at 6:27 PM

Appointments

1. Fred Douglas, Police Chief

Chief Douglas indicated that on January 13, 2016 the Superior Court granted the Town's Motion to Allow Public Auction or Destruction of Property concerning weapons in its possession. Chief Douglas indicated that, because of the Board's concerns over liability in connection with the sale of these weapons, he contacted a local gun dealer and asked if he would be interested in purchasing the weapons. The gun dealer offered to come to Francestown to look at the weapons and possibly purchase them. But because the court's order indicates "public sale" and a gun dealer may not be considered public, Chief Douglas offered to file a motion asking the Court to allow the sale of the weapons to a gun dealer. The Board felt it best to contact town counsel and ask for his opinion. Chief Douglas also indicated that a towing company (Don Lyons Auto and Marine) contacted him with interest in getting on the wrecker rotation list towing vehicles for the Town. Chief Douglas asked how the Board would like him to proceed. The Board asked Chief Douglas to follow-up and obtain more information before making a decision but that it would be his decision whether or not to use him.

Consent Agenda:

- A. 02/29/2016 Payroll & Accounts Payable Manifest
- B. Pole Licenses – Fairpoint Communications – Woodward Hill Road

A motion was made by Scott Carbee to approve the Consent Agenda items A and B, seconded by Abigail Arnold. **Motion passes.**

New Business

1. Application for Veterans Property Tax Credit for Richard Derrickson Fulton, 45 New Boston Road, Map 13 Lot 30. The Board approved.

2. Abatement request from Tax Collector Pamela Finnell asking the Board to defer the tax bill for Heather Ayers, 479 Greenfield Road, Map 2 Lot 34. Total Abatement \$995.00. The Board approved.
3. Mr. Carbee said that Warren Kiblin told him that the bottom clapboards have come off where the steeple joins the roof on the west side of the Town Hall. Mr. Carbee recalled that some work was done on the Town Hall just over a year ago. Ice damage was suggested as a possible cause. Mr. Pike will contact local craftsmen to estimate the cost to repair.
4. Mr. Carbee suggested posting the roads (6 ton) due to the early spring-like weather. The other Board members felt that the Road Agent, Gary Paige, usually makes the determination. Mr. Pike will contact Mr. Paige about posting the roads.

Abigail Arnold asked Mr. Carbee about a quote he made in the paper last week indicating that he made a motion about the school budget at a Selectmen's meeting. Ms. Arnold indicated it's not in the minutes and she does not recall such a motion. Mr. Carbee indicated that the minutes are only as good as the minutes clerk transcribing them and insisted he did make a motion. He admitted the motion never was seconded. Discussion ensued about whether or not a motion was made.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the minutes for February 25, 2016 as written, seconded by Scott Carbee.
Motion Passes.

Mr. Howell asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

John Arnold commented, with respect to the issue about Scott's claim that he made a motion, if Scott thinks he made a motion and the other Board members don't recall the motion, what's the harm in revisiting the issue tonight. Secondly he thinks the Town would have to re-petition the Court to have a public auction to allow anyone, including gun dealers, to bid on the firearms.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: Monday, March 7, 2015

ADJOURNMENT: Brad adjourned the meeting at 6:46 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie A Pike

Not approved until signed.

Brad Howell

Scott S Carbee

Abigail Arnold